

# NATIVE ROOTS

To promote the enjoyment & stewardship of natural areas in West Central Indiana!

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## APRIL 10<sup>th</sup> CELEBRATION of the CELERY BOG

### Mind Boggling Event

Morning bird walks - 1pm tree planting  
- Afternoon wildflower walks

Daytime nature-inspired art activities and wetland activities!  
7pm Live music, art, & readings featuring Joe Peters, Rena Brouwer, Women's Creative Writing Group,  
plus Art Exhibit by local artists!

Sponsored by Friends of Celery Bog in cooperation with the  
Park Departments of West Lafayette and Tippecanoe County.  
*Detailed schedule of events available soon at Lilly Nature Center!*

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### West Central Chapter of INPAWS - Indiana Native Plant & Wildflower Society

WC-INPAWS PROGRAM Meetings—fourth Mondays at 7pm  
at Lilly Nature Center in Celery Bog Nature Area, West Lafayette  
Dinner with the speaker is at 6pm at the MCL Cafeteria  
- West Lafayette  
~ open to the public ~

**MON, MAR 22** – “Sedges: So What If they Are Not Orchids!”  
— a presentation on the non-Carex sedges by Paul Rothrock,  
author of Sedges of Indiana and the Adjacent States—  
The Non-Carex Species. Books will be available for purchase.

**MON, APR 26** – “The Diversity of Jasper Pulaski”  
— a slide presentation by Ed Zschiedrich, photographer from  
Battle Ground, featuring photos of plants & wildlife he has  
Encountered on his walks in many parts of Jasper-Pulaski  
Fish & Wildlife Area.

PgmChair: Susan Ulrich 765-583-2275 [sueandtedulrich@msn.com](mailto:sueandtedulrich@msn.com)

### NATIVE PLANTS sold here...

#### Howard County SWCD Annual Tree & Native Plant Sale

**MAR 31 — LAST DAY to ORDER\***  
Questions? 765-457-2114 (ext 3)

**APR 17** 9am-noon PLANT PICK-UP in Kokomo

\* Plant list & order form/info: [www.howardswcd.com](http://www.howardswcd.com)

#### George Peregrin – Native Plants Unlimited: over 100 species!

**APR 3<sup>rd</sup>** Advance Orders DUE\* Questions? 317-506-5456

**APR 30<sup>th</sup> thru MAY** – PLANT SALE at GreenCycle  
in Noblesville

\* Plant list/order form/sale hrs: [www.nativeplantsunlimited.com](http://www.nativeplantsunlimited.com)

#### GARDEN EXPO 2010 & PLANT SALE

**APR 24<sup>th</sup> 9-3pm**

Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds 1010 Teal Rd/Laf  
More info: [tippecanoemastergardener.org](http://tippecanoemastergardener.org)

#### Tippecanoe County SWCD Tree & Plant Sale (& Rain barrels, too!)

**APR 30<sup>th</sup> — LAST DAY to ORDER\***  
Questions? 765-474-9992 (ext 3)

**EARLY MAY** PLANT PICK-UP in Lafayette

\* Plant list & order form on-line at [www.tippecanoeswcd.org](http://www.tippecanoeswcd.org)  
and available at Lilly Nature Center the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in March.

#### INPAWS Native Plant Sale & Auction

– Trinity Church, Indianapolis

**MAY 8<sup>th</sup> 10:15-12:30**

Questions? Melissa Moran 317-295-2021

Details to come at: [www.inpaws.org](http://www.inpaws.org)

#### 2010 Opening Day Plant Sale & Monarch Waystation Workshop

**SAT, MAY 15<sup>th</sup> – noon to 6pm**

Winterhaven Wildflowers, West Point  
Plants for monarch habitats; volunteer opportunities for scout  
badges and Master Naturalist/Master Gardener requirements;  
walks & more!

Info: Reni at 765-714-4288 or  
[www.winterhavenwildflowers.com](http://www.winterhavenwildflowers.com)

### Watching the Woods Awaken – Celery Bog TRAIL WALKS

Led by Sam Postlethwait – TUESDAYS beginning MAR 16<sup>th</sup>

Meet Sam at 9:55am in the exercise room at University Place  
off Lindberg Rd just west of Celery Bog Nature Area,  
West Lafayette

For more info, contact Sam: [spostlw8@mac.com](mailto:spostlw8@mac.com)

## SYCAMORE AUDUBON SOCIETY (SAS)

[www.sycamoreaudubon.org](http://www.sycamoreaudubon.org)

SAS PROGRAM Meetings — second Thursdays at 7:15pm  
at Lilly Nature Center in Celery Bog Nature Area, West Lafayette  
Dinner with the speaker is at 6pm in the MCL Cafeteria  
– West Lafayette  
~ open to the public ~

### THURS, MAR 11 “Hellbender Stories”

— Rod Williams, Purdue Assistant Professor in Forestry & Natural  
Resources, will talk about this rarely seen large Indiana  
amphibian!

### THURS, APR 8 “Chattering in the Chimney: the Mysterious Chimney Swift”

— Presentation by Shirley Needham, Wildlife Rehabilitator-Fulton Co.  
PGM CHAIR – Diane Packett: [dlpacket@pex.net](mailto:dlpacket@pex.net) or 765-463-9231

### FRI-SUN Mar 26-28 SAS Spring BAKE & PLANT Sale – WL Library

VOLUNTEERS/DONATIONS NEEDED!

Raising funds for bird viewing platform on Lake Michigan shore!  
Details: Susan Ulrich 765-583-2275, [sueandtedulrich@msn.com](mailto:sueandtedulrich@msn.com)

### SAS FIELDTRIPS

Meet in the gravel parking lot in Celery Bog Nature Area  
(north side of Lindberg Rd betw Northwestern & McCormick in WL)  
unless noted otherwise\*

### SAT MAR 20 8:30am First day of Spring Migrant Trip

– to look over the wetlands at Celery Bog for migrating water  
birds and move to other areas if birds are being reported  
elsewhere. (Half-day)

### SUN APR 18 6:30pm Prophetstown State Park\*

– to walk the trails along the boundary of the park, watch for  
migrants & see the prairie in spring. \*Meet at the far end of the  
Prophetstown park drive.

Call Barny for directions: 765-494-3565

### SAT APR 24 7:30am Indiana Beach Campground\*

(2-3 hour walk)  
– Rick Read leads a walk through this area of riparian,  
lake/pond, field and forest habitats. \*Meet outside the  
campground registration office. Campground is located on  
north side of Monticello, off W. Shafer Dr.

For info: Rick Read 574-583-7000, [richardaread@hotmail.com](mailto:richardaread@hotmail.com)

### THURSDAY EARLY BIRD HIKES at HORT PARK begin

**MAR 25<sup>th</sup> Start time: 8:00am** — times to be adjusted later  
depending on sunup!

Meet in the east parking lot of Hort Park in grove of River Birches  
on McCormick Rd across from Purdue West shopping center in WL.  
For field trip or hike info: Barny Dunning 494-3565w, 497-3082h

### SAT MAY 8 – The “BIG DAY in MAY” BIRD COUNT

People in Indiana will be birding to see what species can be found  
in their county on what is traditionally the height of songbird  
migration!

Call COUNTY Compilers: TIPPECANOE--Barny Dunning 494-3565;  
WARREN--Susan Ulrich 583-2275; WHITE--Rick Read 574-583-7000

## NICHES EVENTS/OUTINGS

### FRI APR 9<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm ART in NATURE EXHIBIT

– Opening Gala

Exhibit runs through MAY 9<sup>th</sup> at Wells Center, TAF, 638 North St,  
LAF

### FRI MAY 7<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm NICHES Annual Meeting

at the Wells Center: 638 North St, Lafayette  
6pm Dessert & Conversation -- 6:30pm Program & Silent Auction

### SAT MAR 27<sup>th</sup> 11am Discovery Hike at Shawnee Bottoms\*

Join Jeffrey Ganley in this off trail venture to a magical wetland  
seep of wildflowers, Spring Peepers & Chorus Frogs. Bring camera  
& boots! May be followed by a short side trip to nearby Portland  
Arch.

### SAT APR 10<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Wildflower Walk

at Kohnke's Little Pine Valley\*  
Following morning workday, join Jeffrey Ganley on a walk from  
Weiler-Leopold across Little Pine Creek into a beautiful sanctuary  
filled with beauty and wonder! Prepare for wet feet on this  
adventure!

### SAT APR 17<sup>th</sup> 10-early aft Float on Mud Pine

(Meet at Hewitt Estate)  
1pm Take out/lunch spot at Warren Piece. Expect to get wet!  
RSVP needed: 765-423-1605 or [niches@nicheslandtrust.org](mailto:niches@nicheslandtrust.org)

### SAT MAY 1<sup>st</sup> 1-3pm Springtime Hike at Black Rock N.P.\*

Following morning workday, join Jeffrey Ganley in exploring the  
north side of the Black Rock property enjoying spring wildflowers,  
birdsong

\*For directions, info: 765-423-1605 or [www.nicheslandtrust.org](http://www.nicheslandtrust.org)

## "WEDNESDAYS in the WILD"

### Natural History Talks/Workshops/Field Trips

MAR–MAY 12<sup>th</sup> 2010 1-3pm or As Noted

Mar 3<sup>rd</sup> **\*\*\*** POTHOLE MOSS ID  
**\*\*CANCELLED--no program\*\***

Mar 10<sup>th</sup> **1-3pm** In Their Own Words: Nature Revealed Through the Observations of Lewis & Clark ..... **LNC**  
Reenactor Rob Durrett, who spent 10 months following the course of this historic trek, will share unique insights about the natural features, plants, and animals encountered en route, both then and now.

Mar 17<sup>th</sup> **7-9pm** The Habits and Haunts of Local Salamanders ..... **LNC**  
The fascinating lives of seldom seen salamanders will be brought to life by Purdue Biology Professor Rick Howard. Indoor program is followed by an outdoor search for trapped salamanders and a discussion of field research techniques.

**Bring a flashlight!**

Mar 24<sup>th</sup> **7:30-9:30pm** Sounds of Spring-Wacky Woodcocks! ..... **AMPH**  
Experience this spring ritual with Naturalist Mary Cutler & Members of Sycamore Audubon Soc. **Binoculars, flashlights, dress warmly!**

Mar 31<sup>st</sup> **1-3pm** Planning with POWER ..... **LNC**  
Robert McCormick (Project Leader for Planning with POWER—Protecting Our Water & Environmental Resources) presents an overview of this program, highlighting smart growth initiatives and “Local Decision Maker” tools available through the program.

Apr 7<sup>th</sup> **1-3pm** Watershed Management, Water Quality ... **LNC**  
Sara Peel (Watershed Coord, Wabash River Enhancement Corp). details WREC’s watershed planning process & Wabash River water quality monitoring pgm, and suggests how local citizens can help.

Apr 14<sup>th</sup> **7-9pm** Wildlife Everywhere! Managing Wildlife Populations Today ..... **LNC**  
Carl Voglewede (Wildlife Biologist, USDA APHIS Wildlife Services) will focus on current problems and some solutions to wildlife population management in both urban and rural environments.

Apr 21<sup>st</sup> **1-3pm** Spring Wildflowers at Black Rock ... **BLACK ROCK**  
Wildflower enthusiast Greg Shaner leads a walk to enjoy and identify wildflowers at this NICHES property in Warren County which features a sandstone outcrop rising over 100 feet from the Wabash River!

Apr 28<sup>th</sup> **1-3pm** Spring Warblers & Other Migrants-**binoculars** ..... **LNC**  
An indoor talk and a Celery Bog bird walk led by avid birder Susan Ulrich will cover warblers, vireos, & other returning migrants.

May 5<sup>th</sup> **1-3pm** Woodland Gems (Spring Wildflowers) ... **M-S**  
Wildflower aficionados Chris & Jim Brewster lead this sunny weather walk to see woodland flora in this small nature preserve.  
May 12<sup>th</sup> **1-3pm** Indiana’s Native Shrubs in Flower ..... **PWA**  
Sally Weeks (Purdue Dendrologist) says “Shrubs are flowering plants, too!” On this walk, we will review as many as are blooming – should be quite a few since there are about 50 shrub species here!

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LOCATIONS of these FREE PGMS—OPEN to the PUBLIC  
**AMPH(Tipp Co Amphitheater):** Meet in parking lot on east side of North River Rd, near Soldiers Home Rd in West Lafayette.  
**BLACK ROCK (Nature Preserve):** Meet 1pm in property parking lot (directions at [www.nicheslandtrust.org](http://www.nicheslandtrust.org)) OR join 12:15 LNC CARPOOL.  
**LNC (Lilly Nature Center/Celery Bog Nature Area):** On north side of Lindberg Rd (betw Northwestern & McCormick) in West Lafayette.  
**M-S (Michaud-Sinninger/Cumberland Woods):** Meet in athletic complex parking lot on Salisbury, just north of Cumberland Ave, WL.  
**PWA (Purdue Wildlife Area):** Take 26 west across Purdue Campus; ¼ mile past 750 W, turn right (north) into gravel drive where big white pines start (small black & white sign); park at end of lane.

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**Sponsored by:** Mary Cutler-TIPP CO Park & Rec Dept, Dan Dunten-WL Parks & Rec, Sycamore Audubon Soc, WC-INPAWS, NICHES  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, contact:  
**Mary Cutler (765-567-2993), Dan Dunten (765-775-5172), or Editor**

### COMMUNITY GREEN EVENTS

#### SAFE DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED MEDICINE

#### → CLEANER WATER!

**2<sup>nd</sup> TUESDAYS** starting MAR 9<sup>th</sup> **11:30am-1:30pm**

**Drop off** in lobby of the West Lafayette Police Station (Navajo St)  
**WL Go Greener Commission info: [dianedamico@mac.com](mailto:dianedamico@mac.com)**

**Weekend drop off:** MAR 13<sup>th</sup> 9-5, MAR 14<sup>th</sup> 11-5 Marsh Pharmacies

**GREEN DRINKS** meets 6:30pm (check with Falon\* on location, topic)

**TUES APR 6<sup>th</sup>** 7pm program on transit and passenger rail

**TUES MAY 4<sup>th</sup>** 7pm program TBA

\* **INFO: Falon French 765-742-6050 or [ffrench@hecweb.org](mailto:ffrench@hecweb.org)**

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Protect woodland wildflowers  
– PULL GARLIC MUSTARD!!!**

The INPAWS RIP (Remove Invasive Plant) Squad could use your help at its **SPRING 2010 workdays**  
*Plastic bags will be provided, but bring gloves & dress for poison ivy!*

### WEDNESDAYS 3-5pm

#### West Lafayette Parks

Apr 7 NO WORKDAY

Apr 14 Happy Hollow Park

Apr 21 Happy Hollow Park

Apr 28 Michaud-Sinninger Woods

May 5 Celery Bog Nature Area

### THURSDAYS 3-5pm

#### Tippecanoe County Parks

Apr 8 Ross Hills Park

Apr 15 Ross Hills Park

Apr 22 Prophet’s Rock Woods

Apr 29 Ross Hills Park

May 6 Ross Hills Park

**Workdays continue thru May 27<sup>th</sup>: Contact editor for full schedule.**

### Workday Meeting Locations

**Call contact person\*\*** about iffy weather  
& to confirm meeting place

**Celery Bog Nature Area** — Meet in parking lot  
by Lilly Nature Ctr, WL

**Happy Hollow Park** — Meet in last parking lot after entering  
the park from Happy Hollow Rd in West Lafayette.

**Michaud-Sinninger/Cumberland Woods**—Meet in parking  
lot off Salisbury St just north of Cumberland Ave in West  
Lafayette

**\*\*Dan Dunten 765-775-5172 or Bob Cheever: 765-775-5124**

**Prophet’s Rock Woods** — Meet at little Prophet’s Rock  
parking lot on Prophets Rock Road, just north of 600N  
(toward Battle Ground).

**Ross Hills Park**--Meet at far end of park’s 2<sup>nd</sup> parking area  
(loop drive). Ross Hills is located off Division Rd near  
Ravines Golf Course.

**\*\*Joan 567-7023, Mary Sue 765-589-3228, or Margareta 463-5093**

**NICHES Land Trust - Helping Ecosystems Survive!**  
[www.nicheslandtrust.org](http://www.nicheslandtrust.org)

### NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

– 7 pm **TUES: Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>, Apr 27<sup>th</sup>**

in the Wells Center (TAF) at 638 North St, Lafayette

#### WORKDAYS at NICHES Properties

10am-1pmET, unless noted otherwise\* -Property directions on website

**\*EVERY SATURDAY Moyer-Gould Woods** –Carroll County

**\*9am-noon: variety of workday projects.** Contact site steward  
for property directions/info: **Fred Bergner 765-427-3475**

**SAT MAR 20 Black Rock Nature Preserve** –Warren County

Brush pile burning led by Stewardship Manager Brad Weigel

**SAT APR 24 Fisher Oak Savanna** –Jasper County

Plug planting led by Brad Weigel and Gus Nyberg: planting  
blue joint grass plugs in the wet prairie restoration.

**Bring boots!**

#### GARLIC MUSTARD PULLS:

**SAT APR 3 Shawnee Bottoms** – Fountain County  
(Susan Ulrich)

**SAT APR 10\*Black Rock Barrens** – Warren County  
(Jeff Ganley)

**\*9:30am-noon; followed by 1pm Wildflower Walk at Kohnkes’**

**SAT APR 17 Hoffman Easement** – Tipp County

(For property directions, contact **Mary Sue or Peter Waser**  
**at 765-589-3228**)

**SUN APR 18 Black Rock Barrens** – Warren County  
(Holly Graef)

**SAT MAY 1\* Black Rock N.P.** – Warren County (Jeff Ganley)

**\*9:30am-noon: remove invasives; then 1pm Springtime Hike**

**SAT MAY 8 Moyer-Gould Woods** – Carroll County  
(Brad Weigel)

garlic mustard removal & trail maintenance; followed by 1pm hike

**Details: Brad Weigel 765-423-1605 or**  
**[niches@nicheslandtrust.org](mailto:niches@nicheslandtrust.org)**

**VOLUNTEER for WABASH SAMPLING BLITZ – FRI APR 9<sup>th</sup> 3-5pm**

*No training and no equipment required! Please register on-line.*

**INFO: Sara Peel 765-337-9100 or web: [tiny.cc/WabashBlitz2010](http://tiny.cc/WabashBlitz2010)**

**De-Trash the Wabash – APR 10<sup>th</sup> 9-noon Free T-shirts to volunteers!**

Register 8:30-9am at Riverside Skate Center in Tapawingo Park, WL

**DETAILS: Riverkeeper Rae Schnapp 765-714-4829**

#### KANKAKEE SANDS PROJECT Workdays/NEWTON County

(RSVPs are greatly appreciated; note listed time is Central Time)

**SAT, MAR 20 & APR 3** - 9am-12noon CDT **Transplanting Seedlings**

Work will be done in the toasty warm\* Kankakee Sands Greenhouse!

**\*Dress appropriately and meet at Kankakee Sands Nursery**  
across from North Newton H.S. (1492 W 250 N)

**For more info: Alyssa Nyberg 219-285-2184 or [anyberg@tnc.org](mailto:anyberg@tnc.org)**

#### Why this newsletter?

If you’re like me, you’d like to have all your nature news in one place—  
so you don’t miss out on some interesting natural history programs or  
stewardship opportunities. That’s my intent here.

**Submissions for MAY-JUN issue need to reach me by APR 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Please send your info to [mohrsamuels@comcast.net](mailto:mohrsamuels@comcast.net)

or call (765) 567-7023. **Joan Mohr Samuels, Editor**